

## **AVP-AU NEWS, November 2007**

### **AVP-Australia 2007 & 2008 National Gatherings**

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#### **Copies of the NG'07 Report and Report Appendices 1-7 are also available at**

<https://avpclearinghouse.wikispaces.com/AVP-OZ+National+Gatherings>  
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### **I PRELIMINARY INFORMATION ABOUT AVP-AUSTRALIA 2007 NATIONAL GATHERING**

Dates - Friday 25 – Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2008

Venue - Forest House School, 3 blocks from Central Station near the Quaker Meeting House

Accommodation - The venue has no accommodation and everyone is asked to organise their own accommodation and transport

Other workshops – A T4F workshop is planned for the weekend of Friday 18 – Sunday 20 January 2008  
There are places available for this workshop.

A HIP workshop on either Rainbow Circles or Restorative Practices may be offered during the week of 21-24 January if there are enough participants.

### **II BUSINESS SESSION FROM THE AVP-AUSTRALIA 2007 NATIONAL GATHERING REPORT**

#### **II BUSINESS MEETING 26/1/07 and 27/1/07**

Emails from Queensland, Victoria, West Australia and NZ were read. [see Appendix 3]

AVP-Australia is recognised as a network of autonomous AVP groups within Australia that have a common heritage, values and philosophy. National Gatherings make recommendations about issues and activities that are common to or affect groups.

## AVP-AUSTRALIA

- The Business Meeting agreed that Malcolm Smith (AVP-NSW) will continue to be the international contact person. He is happy to relinquish this if someone else would like to volunteer
- It was agreed that there is a need to facilitate a process of consultation and decision making for AVP in Australia. It was also agreed that there is a need to identify how AVP in Australia relates to the AVP International Conference and other AVP international committees and groups. We invite volunteers to form a AVP-Australia Consultation Working Party. Contact Malcolm at [avpsydney@avp.org.au](mailto:avpsydney@avp.org.au)
- The need was identified for an AVP-Australia national annual report to go to other AVP conferences. We invite each state group to contribute to the report. Katherine offered to co-ordinate and collate the 2007 report
- An invitation to AVP-Australia National Gatherings has been extended to AVP-Aotearoa. AVP-Aotearoa issued an informal invitation for Australian facilitators to attend their national gatherings and they hope to attend future Australian gatherings.

## AVP-AUSTRALIA NATIONAL GATHERINGS

- We identified a need to revisit the frequency and hosting of Gatherings and to organize the 2008 National Gathering. It was noted that there were members of each AVP group at the 2007 Quaker Yearly Meeting in Hobart. A suggestion was made to consider getting together after future Quaker Yearly Meetings. We invite volunteers for the setting up of the AVP-Australia National Gathering Working Party. Contact Malcolm at [avpsydney@avp.org.au](mailto:avpsydney@avp.org.au)
- The delegates from AVP-VIC recognise the value for smaller groups of resources such as AVP wikis, AVP websites, email groups, manuals and information sharing such as First Friday Gathering agendas. The delegates encourage other groups to take advantage of the resources available. Contact Malcolm at [avpsydney@avp.org.au](mailto:avpsydney@avp.org.au)
- AVP(NSW) and AVP-Queensland report that they have benefited from referrals by Life Line generated by the Australia Says No to Violence Campaign.

## COMMUNICATION

- It was agreed to invite volunteers to reactivate the AVP-Australia Communication Working Party to discuss conference calls, skype, wikis, discussion groups, websites and chat lines. Contact Malcolm at [avpsydney@avp.org.au](mailto:avpsydney@avp.org.au)

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